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ABSTRACT

This booklet describes 38 projects funded during Fiscal Year 1974 by the Intradepartmental Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. Projects include community prevention programs, child protection, family resource centers, mother-infant attachment, the demography of child abuse, and the effect of birth order on the mother-child relationship. Project descriptions are organized by funding agency. The principal investigator or project director is listed for each described project, and a brief synopsis of the purpose of the project is given. The history and goals of the Intradepartmental Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect are also briefly explained. Project descriptions are indexed by: (1) principal investigator and institution, (2) region, and (3) project number. (Author/BRT)

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Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to provide descriptive information on the research, demonstrations and evaluation studies funded in Fiscal Year 1974 under the auspices of the Intradepartmental Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Project descriptions are organized by funding agency(ies) and contain the principal investigator/project director and a brief synopsis of the purpose of the project.

A brief description of the history and goals of the Intradepartmental Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect is also contained in this publication.

A Principal Investigator and Institution Index, a Region Index and a Project Number Index are included.

For further information about specific projects, please contact the Project Director directly at the address provided.

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Overview

The Intradepartmental Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect was established on June 22, 1973, by a directive of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger. Chartered expressly to monitor the Department's child abuse and neglect activities, the Committee insures that the child abuse and neglect programs, "fit within a common framework with clear goals and objectives, so that our use of funds is complimentary towards common goals."

The Office of Child Development in the Office of Human Development was designated the lead organization and charged with the coordinating responsibility for insuring that efforts of the Social and Rehabilitation Service, Public Health Service, and the Office of Education focus effectively on the problems of child abuse and neglect.

During FY 1974, the Department's commitment to coordinated solution to the child abuse and neglect problem resulted in the Committee member agencies jointly funding 11 demonstration projects as well as the Committee's monitoring of 27 projects funded by the individual Committee member agencies. Four million dollars of new money was obligated to fund the 38 Committee monitored projects which are briefly described in this volume.

The Committee continues to function, meeting once a month, and more often if required, to evaluate progress and to plan future directions.

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The following 11 projects have been jointly funded by Social and Rehabilitation Service and the Office of Child Development

90-C-82

Parent and Child Effective Relations Project

This project, in Pinellas County, Florida, will reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect by (1) improving case finding through training a variety of personnel having regular contact with children and families, (2) improving case handling and treatment by the use of inter-disciplinary coordinating teams, (3) developing additional treatment approaches to minimize the removal of children from their families, while at the same time developing management information and cost effectiveness systems. It is anticipated that 1,000 families will be affected by one or another of the various aspects of the project.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$116,800
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-83

Pro-Child: A Child Abuse and Neglect Program

This program is based on the early identification, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and care for the abused/neglected child and his family. Primary components of Pro-Child include: the establishment of a community advisory board, the use of multi-disciplinary team, innovative treatment techniques and facilities, development of public awareness of the problem of child abuse and Pro-Child services, and provisions for research. The Pro-Child project aims to reduce fragmented services in the community while maximizing available resources.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$102,085
Funding Sources
SRS-OCD, DHEW

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90-C-73

The Family Learning Center Project

The project proposes to demonstrate a community-based approach to the problems of child abuse and neglect. Program elements and evaluation instruments are designed to implement and measure effectiveness of an integrated, coordinated system of detection, reporting, treatment and prevention involving medicine, social service, mental health, legal, law enforcement and educational agencies as well as lay groups.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$157,080
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-74

A Protective Service System - Union County, New Jersey

The research project proposes to strengthen its current protective services capacity through establishment of a comprehensive, systematic and integrated delivery network in Union County, New Jersey. The network will provide differentiated services to all reported abused and neglected children and their families; also, it will demonstrate innovative outreach, reporting assessment, and treatment programs.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$181,880
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-75

Family Resource Center

This urban, hospital-based program includes family intervention, coordination of services among relevant agencies, a community education program, and a multidisciplinary hospital team for the identification, evaluation, and followup of abused children. Number of families served through the family intervention program will range between 50 and 75 the first year. Individual and group therapy are offered for parents, and 24-hour crisis nursery, play therapy, and a child development program are offered for children.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$135,757
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-78

Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Project

This project will demonstrate the use of a volunteer-based model for protective services in a four county-area. It has been in effect on a pilot basis in one county. The volunteers will receive training, professional supervision, and consultation from multidisciplinary teams. The volunteer model is designed to expand the capacity of professional agencies both through the services of the volunteers and community involvement.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$159,901
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-79

Child Abuse/Neglect Demonstration Unit

The Department of Social Services will establish a specialized protective services unit in the Bayamon area and compare its effectiveness with that of the generalist management of cases in a similar area. This effort, if successful, will serve as a model for similar services to be established in 8 other high need regional areas. It is estimated that they will be serving over 1,000 children the first year.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$119,135
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-80

Child Protection Center

This project will serve a minimum of 200 children in the East Baton Rough Parish through the establishment of a 24-hour Center Hot Line, etc. It will provide interdisciplinary evaluations of cases, and a joint agency determination of treatment plans. Similar coordinated efforts will provide needed services. There will be a special effort to develop preventive services.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$149,365
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-76

Makah Child Development Services Center

The Center proposes to implement and test a system designed to integrate and coordinate the delivery of services to those families in which an incident of child abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur. The system will utilize the resources of the community and existing legal programs, and an examination of the related problems will be undertaken by and for Indian people. It is believed that this information will be highly useful and methods transportable to other reservations.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$30,024
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-77

Coordinating Commu ity Concern for Child Abuse

This project has been established as a central agency designated to formulate and coordinate a treatment plan for abusing and neglecting parents that is relevant to their special needs, to facilitate interagency communication, and to enable families to receive services as a unified, integrated, and consistent whole.

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5/1/74-4/30/75
$98,045
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

90-C-81

Family Care Center

A twenty-four hour Family Care Center for children, under two years of age, and siblings who are victims of child abuse is proposed as an alternative to incarceration of parents and separation of the child from his parents with placement in a foster setting. The Center will serve as a coordinating focus for community agencies and participate in

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treatment goals around the early reconstruction of the family.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$133,574
Funding Source:
SRS-OCD, DHEW

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The following four projects are funded by the Office of Child Development.

OCD-CB-454(C1)

National Clearinghouse for Child Abuse and Neglect

This project has established a national clearinghouse for systematic data collection pertaining to the nature, incidence, and characteristics of child abuse and neglect from official state sources. Periodic reports and analyses of factual data will be published for public and professional use for the planning of research and services in child abuse.

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3/1/74 - 2/28/75
$166,499
Funding Source:
Office of Child
Development, DHEW

OCD-CB-500(C1)

Structure and Performance of Programs of Child Abuse and Neglect

This project is conducting a survey of programs relating to child abuse and neglect for use in planning future experimental demonstration programs. Criteria for evaluation and a descriptive framework characterizing different programs and identifying their differences are being developed for use in the survey.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$197,758
Funding Source:
Office of Child
Development, DHEW

OCD-CB-508

Revision of the 1962 Model Child Abuse (and Neglect) Reporting Law

The objective of this project is to revise the Model Child Abuse Reporting Law developed by the Children's Bureau in 1962, and to include within the revised law recommended guidelines for reporting of child neglect so that it may serve as a guide to state and local governments in using reporting to deal with the problems of child abuse and neglect. The project will develop extensive commentary to the revised law and appendices detailing rules and practices necessary to implementation.

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12/1/73 - 12/31/74
$155,000
Funding Source:
Office of Child
Development, DHEW

90-C-104.

Parents Anonymous Self-Help for Child Abusing Parents

The purpose of this project is to expand the number of self-help organizations across the country. Materials will be pilot tested for dissemination and technical assistance and training will be available through regional offices.

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5/1/74 - 4/30/75
$198,655
Funding Source:
Office of Child
Development, DHEW

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The following three projects are funded by the Social and Rehabilitation Service

09-P-56015/5

State of Knowledge of Child Neglect

This will be a study of the "State of the art" with respect to the problem of child neglect, as it exists in the United States. The project will not cover the question of how widespread expertise in this area is, but rather the question of what the most advanced thinking is regarding: cause, early signs, possible prevention, programs, methods of handling, service delivery systems and potential consequences of failures to care for children in this country. The study will rely heavily on material in print, but will also involve contacts with practitioners, and expert consultants.

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11/1/73 - 5/31/75
$25,000
Funding Source:
Social and Rehabilitation Service,
DHEW

SRS-74-31

Development of Evaluation System for Measuring Cost Effectiveness of Protective Services

This project will develop a model evaluation system for measuring cost effectiveness of protective services to abused/neglected children.

Dr. Marvin Burt
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Bethesda, Maryland 20014

7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$108,851
Funding Source:
Social and Rehabilitation Service,
DHEW

86-P-80086/9-01

Early Warning Signals of Serious Neglect and Abuse

This project has the following major components and objectives. (1) A survey of sustained and unsustained cases of child neglect and abuse sampled at various stages of entrance into protective services systems, in order to elucidate differentiating factors in the

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psychosocial, circumstantial and ecological fabric which impact on the families surveyed. (2) Intensive interviewing of a sample of families identified through the survey to validate and elaborate upon the findings in (1). (3) A literature and expert survey of knowledge in child development in order to identify those elements necessary for or injurious to healthy growth and development of children, and the relative degree of certainty upon which such information is based. (4) A rationale will be developed out of these steps for studying specific situations or populations at varying degrees of risk. Out of this rationale, hypotheses about interventive methods with such populations will be developed. These hypotheses will be tested through assessment of the appropriatness of services for persons in those families in which there is a more pathological and less supportive psychosocial and ecological fabric.

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6/29/74 - 6/28/75
$252,000
Funding Source:
Social and Rehabilitation Service,
DHEW

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The following three projects are funded by the Office of Education

OEG-0-74-8908

The Abused, Maltreated and Neglected Child

This project will identify children and families in need of assistance and train education staff to involve the family in a program remediation, amelioration and education of the children who have suffered neglect and abuse.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$134,495
Funding Source:
Office of Education, DHEW

OEG-0-74-8806

A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Educational Problems Associated with Child Abuse and Neglect (Project Protection)

This project is designed to develop knowledge and skills in elementary and secondary school teachers in the recognition of neglect and abuse in children and in knowledge about appropriate sources and methods of referral for reporting and service. Emphasis will be placed on staff development, policy revision, and curriculum development.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$80,022
Funding Source:
Office of Education, DHEW

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OEG-0-74-8855

Child Abuse: A Multidisciplinary Interagency Program for Identification and Referral

The primary focus will be to develop replicable processes to train school personnel to: (1) identify suspected abused children, (2) refer those cases according to the Texas Family code, (3) work with these youth and their parents in the school setting. The products of this project will be: (1) a series of auto-tutorial packages designed for staff development purposes, and, (2) a series of auto-tutorial packages designed for young adult usage.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$127,124
Funding Source:
Office of Education, DHEW

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The following seventeen projects are funded by the Public Health Service.

MC-R-060342-01-0

Behavior, Parenting and Outcome of High Risk Infants

This study is concerned with the developmental outcome of high risk neonates hospitalized because of prematurity or congenital abnormalities. "High risk" is defined as neonatal conditions which necessitate prolonged hospitalization and thus interfere with the parent-infant experiences which normally follow birth. A profile of the specific combinations of factors which increase outcome risk within these two groups of infants will be developed.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$69,240
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

MC-R-390337-01-0

Mother to Infant Attachment

Three studies will define the basic principles of mother to infant attachment: (1) to determine if the infant's contribution to a reciprocal interaction which a mother perceives is necessary in the formation of mother to infant attachment; (2) to determine if close contact of the mother with her infant in the first hours of life will significantly influence maternal attachment and therefore increase the length of time she breast feeds. In addition this close contact of the mother in the first hour of life may conver on the infant striking protection against hospital infection thus reducing bacterial infection in the infant; and (3) to investigate the unique situation of the attachment of a mother to her malformed infant in which grief and mourning occur at the same time that attachment should be developing.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$77,854
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

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MC-R-420336-01-0

Follow-Up of Study of Traumatized Children

The project is to study a sample of abused children at intervals until they are adults with their own children. 18 abused and 18 accident children will be compared on age, race, sex, and socio-economic status eight years after they were studied as infants. Hypotheses are that abused children will fall below nonabused in average height and weight, number of interim illnesses and accidents requiring medical attention, intellectual functioning, language development, and self-concept.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$53,814
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

MC-R-060339-01-0

Child Trauma Intervention Project, UCLA

Goals of this investigation are: (1) Research, on means of identification of potential abusers; (2) research and implementation of interdisciplinary training programs in child abuse: (3) treatment and rehabilitation studies on the identified child abuser and child; and (4) acquisition of an experimental data base in child abuse.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$93,490
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

MC-R-530351-01-0

Measures to Predict Child Abuse

The proposed study will develop a battery of tests with which to identify parents who have potential for abuse and/or neglect of infants and children. These tests will then be used in a longitudinal study, and a typology of abusive parents will be constructed from the data.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$135,008
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

MC-R-250316-01-0

Child Abuse in Institutions

This research will attempt to determine the incidence of abuse in the five State schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the investigation of all reported injuries to residents. From an analysis of the data collected, standard procedures for the identification and reporting of potential abuse cases will be established and a training curriculum for institutional personnel will be developed.

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7/1/74 - 6/30/75
$31,117
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

RO1-MH-24741

A Longitudinal Study of Physically Abused Children

This grant is designed to assess the effectiveness of a community program of services for physically abused and neglected children and their parents. It will assess the impact of making available to the children and their parents extensive medical, legal, and social assistance. A wide range of community resources will be used, including self-help groups such as Parents Anonymous.

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6/28/74 - 6/27/75
$93,643
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

R01-8031

Density and Pathology in Urban Areas

The purpose of this grant is to examine the effects of intra-urban population distribution on several social, psychological, and somatic variables and pathologies. The investigator wishes to determine if, in fact, relationships do exist between density and pathology. Included among the variables to be examined are mental illness, crime, and child abuse.

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Urbana, Illinois 61801

9/1/73 - 8/31/74
$49,777
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

R01-8533

Modernization through Education of Mother-Child Dyads

This project will investigate the effects of two different parent education programs in low income black communities on mother-child interaction patterns and the children's cognitive and personal-social development. The investigator believes that the process of modernization of American blacks has been delayed by a caste system which reinforces perceived powerlessness and an authority-based concept of social control; this traditional orientation in turn affects the mother-child interactions. One goal of the project is to modify these interactions and thereby to change the mother's self-esteem and her concept of herself in relationship to her child.

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6/1/74 - 5/31/75
$84,679
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

HRA 106-74-120

Evaluation of Child Abuse/Neglect Demonstration Projects

This project will collect baseline data on the eleven communities and existing Child Abuse and Neglect programs of the eleven demonstration projects funded by OCD/SRS in FY 74, and will develop methods for the formulative evaluation of these projects, begin such evaluation, and plan for summative evaluation, at the end of their grant period.

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6/28/74 - 6/27/75
$200,000
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

HRA 106-74-9

Survey of Nine Health Based Programs for Child Abuse/Neglect

This is a report on a survey of nine health based, multidisciplinary programs which address the problem of child abuse and neglect. It examines the procedures and practices of these programs in the context of their communities. It points out their commonalities and differences. The site visits were brief and the reports therefore impressionistic. Nevertheless, inferences can be drawn of the elements which constitute a successful program and areas in need of further development and support.

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12/1/73 - 4/15/74
$49,000
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

NO1-42803

The Effect of Birth Order on Mother-Child Relationship

This project will study the effects of birth order, sex of infant, and socioeconomic status upon mother-infant interaction and upon the cognitive-intellectual and emotional development of the infant up to two years of age.

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11/1/73 - 10/31/74
$88,825
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

NO1-22033

Correlates of Family Size and Child Spacing

This is a study to determine how family size and child spacing affect the lives of both parents and their offspring. Variables to be examined in the children include academic achievement, intellectual capacity, social relationships and personality. Information to

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be obtained from the parents includes socio-economic status, child rearing attitudes, degree of integration in the community and the dynamics of decisions relating to the birth of each child.

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Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

11/22/73 - 2/28/74
$25,308
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

ADM-42-74-38

Child Abuse: Formal and Informal Decision-Making Processes

This study will analyze the formal and informal decision making process in two contrasting jurisdictions in Massachusetts. It will review an inter-agency approach with an intra-agency approach, within the framework of relevant Massachusetts law and Public Welfare Regulations.

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6/24/74 - 6/23/75
$114,950
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

ADM-42-74-56

Child Abuse and Neglect Programs Under Mental Health Auspices

This project will study eight child abuse and neglect programs under mental health auspices and produce a monograph for use by mental health agencies in establishing child abuse and neglect services. Development of the programs, their relationships within the community, successes and failures of interventions and service delivery will be reviewed.

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6/24/74 - 6/23/75
$92,000
Funding Source:
Public Health
Service, DHEW

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ADM-42-74-36

Development of Training Models for the Identification, Treatment and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

This project will develop, test and evaluate training modules for use in training a variety of personnel involved in child abuse situations--mental health professionals, medical, welfare, probation, school and law enforcement. The modules developed will be available for both broad Nationwide use as well as individual community applications.

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Survey of Data on Child Abuse

This project will develop baselines data on the incidence and social concomitants of child abuse and neglect in one community. Survey research of a stratified sample of the population will focus on obtaining data such as: incidence of child abuse, kinds of abuse, family structure, family functioning, and special problems of the family.

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